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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELE'S APPOINTMENT

REF: ATHENS 6608

1. THE SECRETARY RECEIVED ALEXANDRAKIS AT THE LATTER'S URGENT REQUEST AT 12:20 PM, JULY 18. ALEXANDRAKIS WENT OVER THE SAME ARGUMENTS HE HAD USED IN HIS ORIGINAL PRESENTATION ON JULY 16 (STATE 166532), ADDING THAT THE CABINET HAD UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO URGE THE US TO WITHDRAW SCHAUFELE'S NOMINATION. THIS WAS PROPOSED TO MAINTAIN OUR RELATIONSHIPS, SINCE HE WOULD BE A PERMANENT TARGET FROM THE BEGINNING. THIS IN TURN MIGHT UNDERCUT ANY SUBSEQUENT CLIFFORD MISSION AND CREATE THE WRONG ATMOS-PHERE JUST AS WE WERE NEAR TO CONCLUDING THE GREEK-US
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DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT.

2. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT HE SHARED ALEXANDRAKIS' CON-CERN THAT WE SHOULD MAINTAIN A STRONG, DEEP RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES; HE WAS ASTOUNDED AT THE RE-ACTION OF THE GREEK GOVERNMENT; HE WOULD TAKE NOTE OF

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WHAT ALEXANDRAKIS HAD SAID AND HE FELT THE POSITION THE GREEK AUTHORITIES HAD TAKEN WAS UNWARRANTED.

3. ALEXANDRAKIS SAID IT WAS CLEAR THAT THEY DISAGREED ON THE ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION. THE SECRETARY RESPONDED THAT THERE WAS NOTHING MORE TO SAY UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS THIS SITUATION WITH AMBASSADOR KUBISCH WHEN HE RETURNED TO WASHINGTON LATER THIS WEEK.

4. THERE WERE NO QUESTIONS AT THE NOON PRESS BRIEFING. VANCE

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